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County, Greenbelt Fire Chiefs Discuss Issues with Council

by Melissa Sites

Firefighters met with the Greenbelt City Council to talk about response times, staffing at fire stations and other concerns of Greenbelt residents at a work-session on October 15 with Fire Chief Benjamin Barksdale and Assistant Fire Chief Brian Frankel from the Prince George's County Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. Chief Thomas

Ray and Assistant Chief Greg Gigliotti represented the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD).

Response Times

Frankel summarized the county's response time targets, in line with standard 1710 issued by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The first priority is getting a fire truck or

an emergency medical services (EMS) unit to a residence within four minutes. The second priority is getting an advanced life support unit or a transport unit to a residence within nine minutes. As one firefighter stated, "We want to meet a five-minute response time." Around Greenbelt, stations

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Two School Board Candidates Face Off at Greenbelt Debate

by Ian Round

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School board candidates Lupi Grady and Joshua Thomas agreed on almost everything at the October 18 debate at the Municipal Building, but the young challenger's experience was one point of contention.

Both agreed teachers should be paid more. Both agreed the county's schools are overcrowded and underfunded, although they disagreed slightly over how to reduce classroom size. Both live in College Park. At least one audience member, though, was skeptical that the 25-year-old Thomas's two years as a teacher qualify him for the position.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM BEAL

Lupi Grady and Joshua Thomas answer questions during the Board of Education candidates debate, hosted by ACE, on October 18.

Michael Jenkins, who said he went to Eleanor Roosevelt High School, addressed Thomas di-

rectly. "Please help me understand how your short experience as a

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Schrom Hills Park Fall Fest A Well-Attended Success

by Camila Velloso

Greenbelt residents and the wider community celebrated the annual Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park last Saturday, featuring an afternoon of music, food, games and other family-friendly activities. For many, the event hosted by Greenbelt Recreation, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments marks the arrival of the new season.

Mayor Emmett Jordan marveled at the crowd of people gathered at Schrom Hills Park for the festivities. "The turnout here is really outstanding," Jordan said. "I've been coming to these for years, and this is probably the best turnout that I've ever seen."

The hayride and pumpkin patch proved to be two of the most popular attractions, with long lines of eager children and



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Children choose pumpkins to carve at the Fall Fest on Saturday, October 20.

adults. Following last year's success, attendee Steven Ulrich brought his daughters for a

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Volunteers Pick Up Trash Again on Indian Creek Trail

by Elliott Davis



PHOTO BY ELLIOTT DAVIS

From left: Anthony Corcoran, Jason Martin and Linda Cepek pick up trash near the start of Indian Creek Trail.

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If you happened to be walking the Indian Creek Trail path on the chilly, cloudy morning of Saturday, October 20, you might have glimpsed a mix of yellow, blue and clear bags off in the woods. Those bags were being filled with trash by a small group of volunteers who, by the end of the morning, picked up over 100 pounds of waste along the trail.

The volunteers were part of a cleanup event organized by the City of Greenbelt, the second of

its kind held at the trail this year. The trail, located alongside the Greenbelt Station development, was officially dedicated by the Greenbelt City Council on June 2 with a new boardwalk, paved walkways and signage.

Jason Martin, environmental coordinator for the Department of Public Works, led the volunteers and provided them with trash bags, gloves and trash pickers. The volunteers who showed up included two high school students – whom Martin recognized from the Public Lands Day event held in September – and two

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Early Voting

Early voting is open Thursday, October 25, through Thursday, November 1, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Voters may vote at any early voting center in Prince George's County. All of the county's early voting centers are accessible to voters with disabilities. The closest locations to Greenbelt are VFW Post 8950 Hansen Hall at 9800 Good Luck Road in Lanham and College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Avenue.

The other early voting centers in the county can be found on the State Board of Elections website, elections.maryland.gov/index.html.



Greenbriar Meet and Greet



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Greenbriar community and other parts of Greenbelt East turned out to meet and greet the new police chief, Richard Bowers, on October 18.

What Goes On

Saturday, October 27

9 a.m. to Noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard
9 a.m. to Noon, Shredding Event, Parking Lot behind Credit Union

4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Halloween Family Fun, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Monday, October 29

8 p.m. Council Worksession, Green Ridge House.

Tuesday, October 30

4:30 p.m. Halloween Costume Parade, Roosevelt Center

Wednesday, October 31

6 to 8 p.m. Trick or Treat

7 p.m. Council Worksession with Crowne Plaza Renovation Presentation; followed by Religious and Spiritual Organizations, Community Center

Correction

Ballot Question One Clarified

In last week’s article on the ballot questions on the Prince George’s County ballot for the November 6 General Election, the paper included misinformation in the description of Question 1, the Constitutional Amendment dealing with changes to the funding for public schools that is currently earmarked from the revenues of video lottery operations and other commercial gaming enterprises.

It was incorrectly stated that the primary use allowed for the gaming revenue is currently for capital projects at community colleges and public four-year institutions and that a “no” vote on this question would support eliminating community colleges as beneficiaries of this funding. Neither of those statements is true.

In fact, under the current law the primary use is to support programs in public schools such as early childhood education, career and technical education, high school courses for college credit, training for public

school teachers, and improvement of school buildings. Capital projects at community colleges and state-supported colleges and universities are also supported.

The amendment on the November 6 ballot would repeal the provision that allows these funds to be spent on capital improvements for institutions of higher education, for which there is other funding, and require instead that they be spent at the Grade K-12 level. It would further require that the funds be spent in addition to, not in lieu of, other regularly appropriated education funding.

Supporters of the amendment favor eliminating colleges as recipients of the gaming funding and imposing stricter reporting requirement to assure that the funding is guaranteed additional funding at the K-12 level. Opponents of the measure oppose the elimination of community colleges as recipients and oppose reducing the state’s flexibility to use gambling revenue for purposes other than K-12 funding.

Trick or Treat

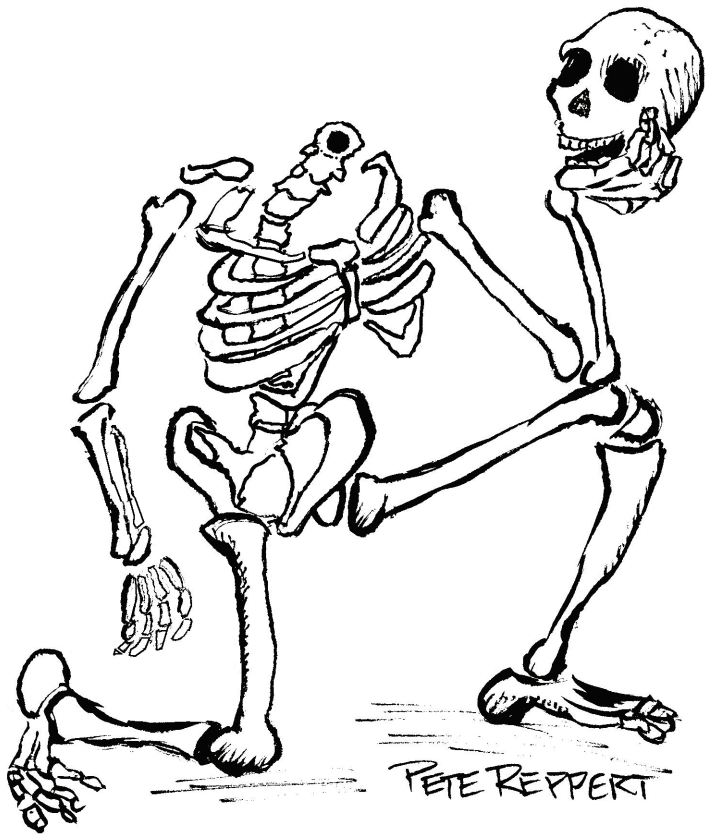
Wednesday, October 31
6 to 8 p.m.

Residents wishing to participate in Trick or Treat should turn on their porch lights from 6 to 8 p.m. Apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth to their doors.



THANK A TEACHER NOTES

are coming!
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ALAS, POOR YORICK! I...WAIT A MINUTE.

Letters to the Editor

GAC Is Health Hazard

On Sunday October 14, I went to the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) to see films from this year’s Utopia Film Festival. I left after just 10 minutes as I was having chest pain due to the mold in GAC. The mold triggered my asthma.

I got my money back and went to the Festival films showing at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Unfortunately, my symptoms continued and I went home. My symptoms persisted into the next day.

I know from talking to other people that I am not the only one affected by the mold in the GAC. Perhaps this is why the films showing at GAC that evening had a smaller audience. The GAC is a health hazard to those with respiratory issues. The seating area needs to be renovated just like the lobby was. Who is the landlord? Why hasn’t this issue been addressed?

Perhaps the GAC should be closed until this issue is resolved. I know I will not be returning until that happens.

Barbara Bjanas

Not by Magic Alone

Many Greenbelters enjoy the Farmers Market – which appears Sundays for six months of the year. It’s tempting to think that it rises out of the parking lot by itself and perhaps we’ve become so smooth at this conjuring trick

that it appears effortless. But, in fact, a small group of volunteers shoulders the task of setting up, staffing and taking down the information booth and their numbers have dwindled as the market has become less of a novelty. As a result, board members are picking up more and more shifts on top of the numerous other invisible, unsung but important things they do to keep the market thriving.

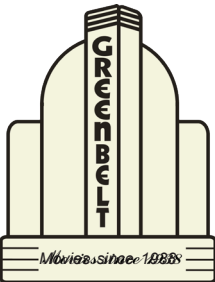
We need help – especially for set-up and take down. If the market is to continue to be the valuable asset it has become to the community, we need the people who value it to step up and pitch in.

Volunteers need to be able to lift about 20 lbs and a pickup, van or hatchback is especially useful (but not mandatory). Set up starts at 9:15 and is done by 10 a.m. Take down starts at 1:50 and is generally done by 2:30. 45 minutes every week or two is a big contribution to the common good that doesn’t take a big bite out of the day.

Service at the market is eligible for volunteer credit for student graduation requirements. Contact the market at info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org to see how you can help.

Farmers Market Board: Terry Kucera, Anne Marigza, Cathie Meetre, Carissa Ralbovsky, Carol MacAdam and Alicia Baker. **Market Master** Nancy Solomon.

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Community Events

ASG Star Party Saturday Evening

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, October 27 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees may expect to see Saturn, Mars and deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 7:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of October 29 are as follows:

Monday, October 29: Beef w/peppers and onions, lima beans, stewed tomatoes, wheat roll, fresh fruit, orange juice, milk

Tuesday, October 30: Brunswick chicken stew, whipped potatoes, spinach, saltine crackers, tropical fruit, apple juice, milk

Wednesday, October 31: Italian turkey sausage, sauerkraut, crispy cubed potatoes, hot spiced apples, coleslaw, wheat hot dog bun, cookie, grape juice and milk

Thoughtful Discussion At MakerSpace

Who are you? What defines your identity: fingerprints, retinal scans, DNA map, incorruptible soul? The thoughtful discussion group that meets at the MakerSpace in Roosevelt Center on Tuesday evenings will spend October 30, Halloween Eve, from 7 to 9 p.m., ripping the masks off their facades and plumbing the depths of their true selves. Or at least asking what makes a person who that person is. All are welcome to share their insights and cheerful banter.

Spaghetti Fundraiser

Greenbelt Nursery School is having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for alumni and the general public on Saturday, November 10 from 5 to 8 pm. It is an all-you-can-eat event at the Greenbelt Community Church at 1 Hillside Road. Tickets can be purchased in advance by emailing gns@GreenbeltNurserySchool.org or stopping by the school at the community center. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Please see our ad on page 13.



Free Dental Health Care on Saturday

Residents in Greenbelt and surrounding areas can receive free dental services at Greenway Center Dentistry on Saturday, October 27.

Dr. Damion Cooper, Dr. Liang Fang and the team at Greenway Center Dentistry will be improving the oral health of the community as part of Free Dentistry Day, a day dedicated to providing free dental care to the growing number of Americans without dental insurance. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approximately 108 million Americans are living without dental insurance.

“We understand that many people in our community and across the nation haven’t been to the dentist for a long period of time. Some don’t understand the importance of dental health, but more often than not, they don’t have the financial means,” said Dr. Cooper. “This event is a great opportunity for us to share our time and resources with those less fortunate and give back to the community.”

During Free Dentistry Day, a choice of one free cleaning, filling or extraction will be provided per patient on Saturday, October 27, between 8 a.m. and noon at 7499 Greenbelt Road, #22. Patients will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 301-220-0077 or visit FreeDentistryDay.org.

More Community Events are located on page 11 and throughout the paper.

Free Band Concert Thursday at ERHS

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform on Thursday, November 1 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. They will play pieces by Edvard Grieg, Claude T. Smith, Percy Grainger, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Gabrieli, Gounod, Gordon Jacob and Alec Wilder, under the direction of Rachel Zephir. The concert is free and open to the public.

Medication Drop-off

The Greenbelt Police Department is sponsoring a drop-off event for unused or unwanted medication on Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Police Station at 550 Crescent Road. A convenient drive-up area will be set aside so that people can remain in their vehicle to do the drop off.

Call 240-542-2126 for more information.

GHI Notes

Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., Volunteer Appreciation Social Event, Board Room

Monday, October 29, 7 p.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Thursday, November 1, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force Meeting, Board Room;

7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, November 5, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force Meeting, Board Room

Astronomical Lecture On Visualization

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt invites the public to hear Dr. William T. Bridgman, of the Goddard Space Flight Center’s Scientific Visualization Studio (SVS), speak on Scientific Visualization. This event will take place on Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114.

The SVS works closely with scientists in the creation of visualizations, animations and images in order to promote a greater understanding of Earth and Space Science research activities at NASA and within the academic research community supported by NASA.

Golden Age Club Meets Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center. New members and guests are always welcome. There will be no meeting on November 21, the day before Thanksgiving. November birthdays will be celebrated at the December potluck meeting.

Activities for November: November 7, business meeting; November 14, Sheila Maffay-Tuthill will update the club on the Greenbelt Museum; November 28, Bingo.

AARP Safe Driving Course in November

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will again be sponsoring the AARP Safe Driving Course. The course will take place on Monday, November 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a lunch break at noon. The course, which will be held in the Community Center, is open to all licensed drivers. There is a fee.

To register for the course, call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580. Calls are received from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Haunted House At St. Hugh’s

St. Hugh’s youth cordially invite you to Haunted Mythology, a haunted house in the old St. Hugh’s school. Tours will be held on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. Enter through the side entrance of the school on the church parking lot side. Later tours are darker and scarier. This attraction may be too frightening for younger children. Donations support the youth group.



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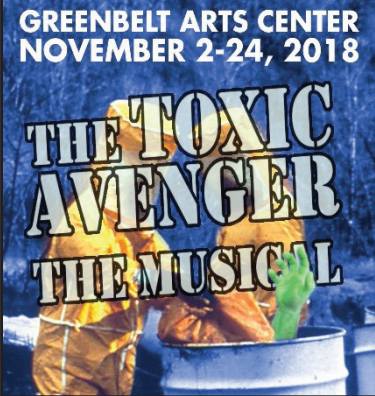
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Obituaries

Harold Atwood Anderson



PHOTO BY HAROLD ATWOOD ANDERSON

Harold Atwood Anderson

Harold Atwood Anderson, 68, died of pancreatic cancer on October 11, 2018, in Auckland, New Zealand, with family by his side. He was visiting the country for a performance of music.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Anderson came to Maryland to attend St. John's College in Annapolis. After college he became a certified piano technician and moved to New York City where he tuned pianos at concerts and club venues for renowned musicians, including Philip Glass. A bassist and composer, he performed with well-known jazz musicians, such as Ed Blackwell and Bill Lowe.

In 1984, Mr. Anderson moved to New Zealand, where he studied at Otago University in Dunedin, receiving a master of music in composition. He taught music at several institutions and played jazz and classical music with professional musicians. He later moved to Auckland, where he founded One World Living Art, a music community. This community brought together artists and musicians to hold concerts and teach workshops in music, dance and poetry based on African American, Maori and Pacific Island traditions for a wide variety of students.

He returned to the U.S. in 1998 to live in Greenbelt with his partner Sandy Rodgers, and began doing cultural documentation for the Smithsonian Institution, the St. Michaels Maritime Museum and others. Mr. Anderson was a talented photographer and had taken photos for the local newspaper in his teens. He was also experienced at audio recording and still and video photography. He documented people

from Chesapeake Bay maritime, historical African American and Mongolian heritages, among others.

In 2002, he returned to school at the University of Maryland, graduating with a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology in 2008. Mr. Anderson then taught undergraduate anthropology at Bowie State University. In addition, he helped found the Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability (MACS) program at Goucher College, where he taught cultural documentation. His career spanned more than 30 years of playing and teaching music, anthropology and cultural documentation in the U.S. and New Zealand. He was much beloved by his many students, on whom he had a lasting impact.

Mr. Anderson loved Greenbelt, was an avid swimmer at the aquatic center, biked area trails and enjoyed spending time at the lake birding and taking photos. He had many dear friends in Greenbelt, elsewhere in the U.S. and in New Zealand, and continued traveling between the two countries, conducting cultural and musical projects.

His first marriage to New Zealander Jennifer Hand ended in divorce, but he and his second wife remained close to her, her family, and his friends and fellow musicians there. He is survived by Sandy Rodgers, his partner and wife for the past 20 years, step-daughters Erin Harpe (Jim Countryman) and Brigid Willson (Matt), grandchildren Mira and Nick Willson, sister Karen Mullins, nieces Gwen Sims (Mark) and Michelle Mullins-Turner (San) and grand-nephew August Coltrane Turner.

A Celebration of Life will be held later. To receive details about the date, time and location, email rogers@mdsg.umd.edu. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a music education organization of your choice.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Community Church Hosts Annual Cabaret

The second Annual Cabaret and Auction fundraiser hosted by Greenbelt Community Church is finally here. The evening begins early on Saturday, November 3 at 5 p.m. to provide plenty of time to eat and socialize before the auction at 6:15 p.m. Last year's event was so popular that this year tickets are limited. Come to a night of entertainment and high-spirited auction fun. Tickets are available through the church office at 301-474-6171. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

The Cabaret meal will be the traditional spaghetti dinner with the much-loved sauce made by Kathy Fominaya. A salad, drink and dessert are included in the meal. Once the dishes have been cleared, the auction will begin and musicians will play. In between musical sets guests may bid on gift baskets, services, gift cards from local businesses and musical services from church musicians. Rick Ransom, Keith Johnson, Tom Davey and Betty Ladas are among the musicians that will be providing entertainment and offering their services at auction.

This is the primary fundraiser for the church and the proceeds will support local, national and international missions. The missions that Greenbelt Community Church supports include Help by Phone, Christmas in April and Safe Haven. These organizations provide relief for food insecurity in the local community, home repairs for elderly and disabled local residents, and support for homeless residents in the county.

Have fun and make a difference at the Cabaret. See ad on page 12.

St. Hugh's Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Hugh's Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be crafts, Bridget's bake sale, silent auction, photos with Santa, door prizes and more. Scentsy, Tupperware, Avon, Fab Fiber Shop, Premier Designs VIP and many other vendors with gifts for the holidays will be in attendance. This is an annual fundraiser and community event that St. Hugh's has celebrated for over 10 years. Admission is free.

Quarterly Donation Drive This Weekend

On Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28, the Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ invites donations for their quarterly Donation Drive. Bring gently used clothing, books and small household items to the church from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on October 27, and from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 28. Volunteers are also available to pick up items from Greenbelt homes during those same times.

Items should be smaller than 18" x 18" x 18" and placed in kitchen-sized plastic bags. Donors will receive a receipt for their donation and a discount coupon for Value Village.

Greenbelt Community Church conducts the donation drive in conjunction with Value Village and receives funds based on the weight of the items collected. Call 301-345-1849 to arrange for a pick up or for more information.

St. Gregory's Slavic Food Fest Nov. 3

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church will hold its annual Slavic Food Fest and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with door prizes every half hour.

Eastern European ethnic foods, including holupki, pirohi, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut will be available for eat-in or take-out. The bake sale includes five types of kolacsi: walnut, poppyseed, lekvar/prune, apricot and raspberry. There will also be homemade desserts.

St. Gregory's is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville. For more information, call Sue at 301-474-2219. See ad on page 11.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Harold Anderson who died in New Zealand on October 11. He lived there for a number of years, but had been a resident of Greenbelt since 1998.

Condolences also to the family, friends, students and neighbors of Fred Wilcox who died on October 12. Fred was a freelance musician in the area and taught violin and viola both locally and at Frederick Community College.

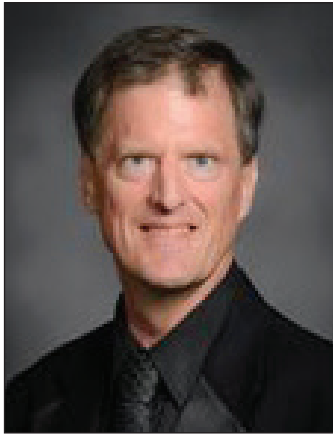


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Fred Wilcox

Get out and see the leaves! Local Channel 4, NBC Affiliate, named Greenbelt's Buddy Attick Park as one of the top 12 places to see fall foliage in the D.C. metro area.



Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.





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City Information & Events

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 2

Monday, October 29 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Green Ridge House Admissions/Smoking Area** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, October 30 at 3:30pm **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Update by Silke Pope and/or Becky Sutfin re: Resolving Issue of Poor Visibility of the Community Center's Stairstep Edges, News Review Article to Recruit New SCAC Members, Election of SCAC Officers for 2018-2019*

Wednesday, October 31 at 7:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Crowne Plaza Renovation Presentation followed by Work Session w/Religious and Spiritual Organizations** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, November 1 at 1:00pm **ETHICS COMMISSION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, PAINT RECYCLING

SATURDAY, October 27, 2018
9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

Recycle Your Old Computers and Other Electronics!

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end.

ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6)
NO cups, egg cartons or food trays.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

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www.YuckOldPaint.com

Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153

SHREDDING EVENT
Saturday, October 27
9am-12noon
(OR UNTIL THE TRUCK IS FULL)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway.

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash. Personal records only (no business) No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders or sheets.

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National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Saturday, October 27
10AM-2pm
Greenbelt Police Station
550 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN AND FILM

Saturday, October 27
SPRINGHILL Lake Recreation Center
4:30PM-8:30PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
PUMPKIN PATCH, PUMPKIN CARVING, PUMPKIN WALK, TRUNK OR TREAT WITH GREENBELT POLICE DEPT., AND JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH. FILM STARTS AT 7

GREENBELT RECREATION
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 301.397.2200

Costume Contest and Parade

ROOSEVELT CENTER **OCTOBER 30** **4:30PM**

Prizes will be awarded to contestants with the most innovative costume in their category: Funny, Spooky, Original, Superhero/Comic, Princess/Fairy, and Group/Family.

4:00 line up for parade at the tunnel under Crescent Rd
 4:30 SHARP! parade begins
 5:30 costume awards given in Old Greenbelt Theatre
 6:00 movie begins in Old Greenbelt Theatre

GREENBELT RECREATION
For more information and to view other upcoming events visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation
In the event of inclement weather, call the weather hotline at 301-474-0646 for event status.

GOBBLE WOBBLE SPONSORSHIPS
ATTN: LOCAL BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

The 13th annual Gobble Wobble 5K Family Fun Run & Walk is rapidly approaching. The Gobble Wobble is a Thanksgiving morning tradition for many, as families join both novice and experienced runners for this great community event. Greenbelt Recreation is seeking local businesses and organizations interested in supporting the Gobble Wobble and its continued success. Businesses and organizations have three options (listed below) in sponsoring the 2018 Gobble Wobble 5K Family Fun Run & Walk.

- **Bronze Sponsor (\$100)**
-Logo on all print and electronic advertisements (includes event flyer/registration form, Greenbelt News Review, social media, and city website).
- **Silver Sponsor (\$300)**
-Logo on all print and electronic advertisements (see above).
-Logo on back of race shirt given to all registrants.
- **Gold Sponsor (\$500)**
-Logo on all print and electronic advertisements (see above).
-Logo on back of race shirt given to all registrants.
-Sign (provided by business/organization) at start/finish line.
-Promotion materials (provided by business/organization) will be placed in race packets given to all registrants.

The City of Greenbelt has traditionally received great support from local businesses and organizations. If your business/organization is interested in sponsoring this year's Gobble Wobble, please contact Greenbelt Recreation at 301-397-2200 or e-mail aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov. All sponsorships must be received by Monday, November 5.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Hanover Parkway Bikeway Facility Feasibility Study and Concept Engineering Design Plan,
City of Greenbelt, MD

The City of Greenbelt will accept proposals from qualified professionals to undertake a feasibility study and produce design plans (30%) for future bikeway facilities on Hanover Parkway until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 2018. The project includes a feasibility study that considers the entire Hanover Parkway corridor and design plans for a portion of Hanover Parkway. The full RFP may be obtained electronically at www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 11:00 am. This meeting will be held at 15 Crescent Road Suite 200, Greenbelt, MD 20770. For additional information contact Molly Porter at the City's Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at mporter@greenbeltmd.gov.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Engineered Design Plans for the retrofitting of Cherrywood Lane
City of Greenbelt, MD

The City of Greenbelt will accept proposals from qualified design professionals for production of Engineered Design Plans for the retrofitting of Cherrywood Lane until 4:00pm on Friday, December 7, 2018. The project includes the production of Engineered Design Plans based on conceptual design plans previously developed for Cherrywood Lane, but may incorporate next generation green infrastructure technologies where suitable. The full Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained electronically at www.greenbeltmd.gov/planning_code

A site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm (meet at the parking lot of Springhill Lake Recreation; 6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770). For additional information please contact Judith Howerton at the City's Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or at jhowerton@greenbeltmd.gov.

City Job Opening
Public Works Maintenance Worker II
Full Time/\$31,116

Performs basic landscaping tasks such as mowing lawns, raking leaves, planting shrubbery, leveling playing fields, cutting and pruning trees, maintaining playgrounds and clearing dead wood. May collect household refuse, recyclables and shovel snow. Performs a variety of tasks requiring manual labor.

A High School diploma or equivalent and two to three years of progressively responsible experience or any combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. Must possess a Maryland State Driver's License in good standing, CDL preferred.

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www.greenbeltmd.gov

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meet the target response time in getting to a house 60 percent of the time, which is good. Gigliotti said, “My job is to make sure that Greenbelt gets the proper response time.”

Station Staffing
GVFD will need to add another career person to the station because NFPA standards dictate that an advanced life support unit requires a fifth person on duty. Up until last January there were still nine stations with only four people on duty at a time. The county fire department was able to provide a fifth person to those stations so that three people would be available to staff a fire-truck with two more to run the ambulance.

Prince George’s County has the 16th busiest department in the country, with 987 career firefighters plus volunteers to meet the need for around 1,500 firefighters in all. Because service has to be provided every day of the year, there are many stations that struggle to meet staffing needs with volunteers. Eight stations in the county are all volunteer, with no plans to add paid firefighters. Volunteers are very much needed, which is a challenge due to the amount of calls run and the amount of training required. For career firefighters, training takes 28 weeks. At the end of a recent training period, the county was authorized to hire 60 people; the attrition rate is around 37 firefighters a year.

Regarding the cost of staffing, Barksdale stated, “We compete for resources with other agencies. Citizens want their schools to be air conditioned, trash picked up twice a week, a cop on every corner; I have to be a realist and put people where we need them. Bladensburg is one of the top stations and they’re 100 percent volunteer. If the volunteers can provide that service I welcome them. If they fall behind on their training then we have to add career [firefighters].”

The county monitors stations to identify gaps in service and moves resources to close those gaps. In the College Park area there are three fire stations a little over 1.3 miles apart: Branchville, College Park and Berwyn Heights. Other area stations include Greenbelt and West Lanham. Branchville has had a problem recruiting and training volunteers, and in West Lanham the county has faced challenges providing career staffing to work with volunteers. Because of this, neighboring stations have had to pick up the slack, thereby making response times longer.

Based on data on response times, the county has determined that demand is met in the local area using resources from College Park and Berwyn Heights without adding career people at

Branchville. Barksdale stated, “People want to keep their local stations open because it does provide better response times. While I understand the concern, what I can tell you is that as fire chief I am very comfortable at meeting response times with our current stations [as they are]. There are other areas where we need staffing and that’s where we have identified priorities. To put staffing at Branchville would be redundant. I look at Branchville as a want, not a need.” Gigliotti added, “Berwyn Heights schedules career firefighters [at certain times] and their response time performance is at 42 percent. They do a very good job, a very strong volunteer company, they get multiple units on the street.”

Fire Code at Festival
At the Labor Day Festival, the funnel cake stand traditionally run by the Roosevelt Democratic Club was told to move its fryers outside the tent by the county fire marshal. Nicole Williams, club president, pointed out the need for Greenbelt clubs and their vendors to have access to the fire code ahead of time so that a last minute change does not occur next year. Williams stated, “Every year the fire marshal comes through to make sure that the vendor has set up the equipment in accordance with the code. Shortly after his visit, the rain came and that would have been bad if rain had hit the deep fryers.” Barksdale responded that Fire Marshal Richard Riley has committed to meet with Greenbelt groups to make sure that next year there won’t be a problem. Councilmember Colin Byrd asked the chief why the code hadn’t been enforced in prior years, but the chief did not comment.

Ambulance Fees
Councilmember Judith Davis, in absentia, asked the representatives from GVFD about ambulance fees. Ray reported that EMS billing is down in numbers, but technology and report writing have been improved, including certain fields required by insurance companies. Ray said, “Our Greenbelt unit, we own it, and we’re going to fuel and maintain it with personnel, so we’ll receive 50 percent, so that’s more income on a regular basis. It goes

into a county account, so we put in a request. We bill based on the level of service we provide, whether it’s basic or advanced life support. We may bill \$450 for a basic life support but if it’s a Medicaid patient we get \$70. As far as equipment is concerned we don’t bill you for the band-aid. That’s included.”

Greenbelt Firehouse
At the Greenbelt firehouse, work hasn’t yet started on roof replacement. There is a line item in the county budget to fund a search for a new property location.

Opioid Crisis
Mayor Emmett Jordan, in absentia, was interested in opioid overdose issues. Frankel reported, “We don’t have the same level of issues, not even a quarter of what Howard [County] or Anne Arundel face.” Frankel reported that Narcan, or naloxone, a drug used by emergency personnel to combat the effects of opioid overdose, is down to two doses a day in Prince George’s County, whereas it had risen to 15 to 20 doses a day in recent years. Frankel went on to clarify that overdose issues remain in the county, saying, “PCP is a drug of choice around here. We see periods of time when there are spikes . . . there was a bad dose that came out of Washington a couple of weeks ago; we saw a spike and then it went away.” Frankel added, “We’re working with the health department to see where we can address social determinants.” The county filed a lawsuit in January against opioid makers, which is ongoing. Councilmember Silke Pope pointed out that the City of Greenbelt hopes “to provide our departments with sufficient Narcan, funded by grants from the National League of Cities.”





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Community Resource

If any readers with Medicare have Part D prescription coverage, I hope they do what I did – schedule a meeting with Christal Parker Batey, community resource advocate, at 301-345-6660. Thanks to her, I will save over \$2,000 on prescription medicines for 2019 simply by changing companies and two brand name drugs to generics.

Every Open Season, prescription plans and costs can change. The plan a person has for 2018 might not be the best for 2019. Christal will enter a person’s meds in a computer program and

produce a list of the least and more expensive Rx plans, tailored to a person’s specific medicines.

She will also explain the Maryland Senior Prescription Drug Awareness Program (SP-DAP) that can save eligible persons \$40 per month toward prescription copays. Eligibility begins at an annual household income of below \$36,420 for a single person, up to \$127,140 for a household of eight people.

Sue Krofchik



Greenbelt Connection



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

The City of Greenbelt replaced the Greenbelt Connection bus that burned up in 2017. In the interim, the City was using a borrowed bus from the Town of Berwyn Heights. Council approved the purchase of the new bus in the FY 2019 budget.

Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Holiday Bazaar

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T. Rex Joins Many Runners And Walkers in Rafael’s Race

by Corita Waters

Cloudy skies did not deter the enthusiastic runners and walkers gathered for Rafael’s Race. Mayor Emmett Jordan led the countdown for both the 1k and 5k racers, including a crowd of young people and one T. Rex. After a beautiful fall run around the lake (or around the block), racers gathered for awards, fellowship and a raffle, with treats from businesses from Greenbelt and beyond.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt

Elementary School (GES) PTA, the race is powered by teachers and families who were moved by the unstoppable spirit of Rafael Martins, a former GES student. The proceeds will be used to support student field trips, a trip to Camp Sunshine and a retreat for kids with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Put the race, an enjoyable way to celebrate and support community in Greenbelt, on the calendar for next fall.



Rafael's Race sports a dinosaur runner.



Rafael's Race gathers an enthusiastic crowd of racers for an energetic start.

- Photos by Magda Cieslak

Participants in Rafael's Race sprint for the finish line, while Mayor Emmett Jordan (far right) cheers them on.



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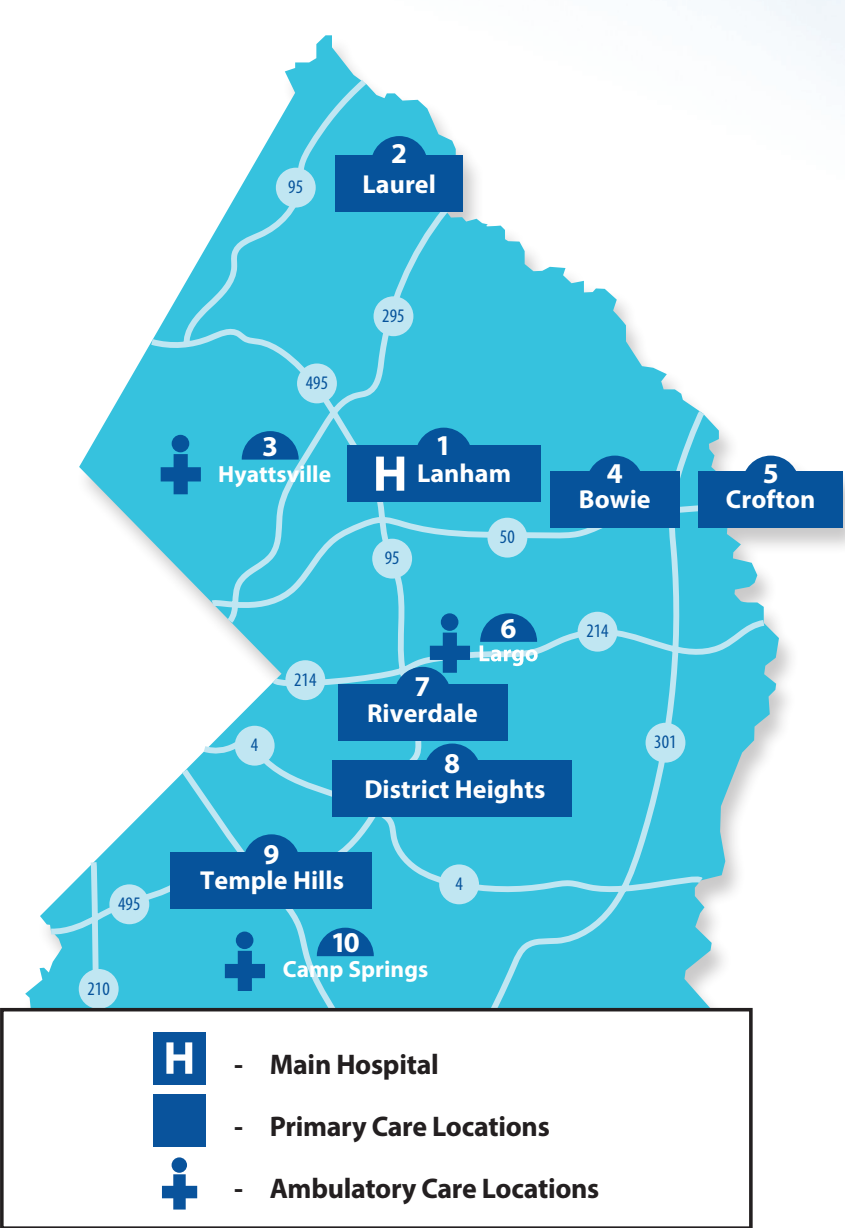
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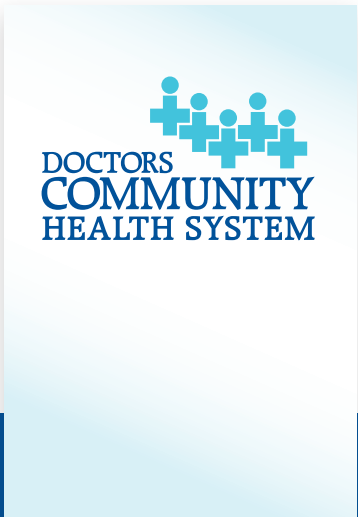
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Beauty and the Beast at MAD

by Christine Smit

The Music and Drama club (MAD) at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) presents their fall production of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, a story of a prince who is cursed for his vanity and selfishness and a clever and perceptive village girl who teaches him to love again.

Fairy tales change over time, with each generation putting new twists on old stories. Disney’s 1994 stage musical is an adaptation of its own 1991 animated feature of the same name, which is in turn an adaptation of the French fairy tale *La Belle et la Bête*. Disney’s retelling of the story adds the character Gaston, a parody of hypermasculinity. Gaston’s excesses ultimately lead to his downfall when he attempts to force Belle’s hand in marriage. Instead, the Beast, changed by Belle’s kindness, wins her heart with his gentleness and humanity.

Now a generation removed from Disney’s adaptation, it is interesting to consider how the story might evolve again to fit 21st century sensibilities. “There are definitely aspects of this story that I would change if I could, and I invite you to have discussions with your viewing companions on how your ideal fairy tale would go,” says the play’s director Katrina Jackson, a space science video producer at GSFC. Still, she says, the production offers childhood nostalgia, flashy songs and dances, and fun characters all creatively staged with beautiful costumes at Goddard’s Barney and Bea Recreation Center on Good Luck Road.

This fall’s musical is one of the most ambitious in MAD’s recent history. Nearly one hundred local volunteers are contributing their talents in the cast, orchestra, production staff, design team and build crews, including several Greenbelt residents. MAD’s production of *Beauty and the Beast* epitomizes community theater’s labor of love.

Beauty and the Beast runs from October 26 through November 11. For more information and tickets, visit madtheater.org. Since some roles are double-cast, audience members are invited to check the matrix on the website to follow particular cast members.



Dash Samari and Christa Kronser play the Beast and Belle.



Greenbelters Jon Gardner (Lumiere, left) and Jim Pasquale (Cogsworth) pretend to be statues in the castle at a dress rehearsal.



From left: News Review staffers Anne Gardner and Helen Sydavar, along with Laura Ottenstein, play in the orchestra for *Beauty and the Beast*.

Tips for Dealing with Acorns In a Heavy Masting Year

by Leah Cohen

Oak trees periodically have a bumper crop of acorns, usually once every three to seven years. This is called masting and 2018 is one of those years. Scientists are not sure what causes this, speculating that it may be part of a complex reproductive strategy or perhaps the result of favorable weather conditions. Whatever the cause, Greenbelt residents are well aware of the results: acorn storms in the middle of the night that wake the dog and sound like firecrackers, and many small yards ankle deep in acorns.

As a homeowner, these masting years can be a bit more than just a temporary nuisance. If acorns are left where they fall, the squirrels will grow fat and happy but yards and gutters will not benefit from that approach. Here are tips to help make it through this year:


Plan on extra raking. Picking up thousands of acorns that fall in a single yard from a single tree in a masting year is not fun. However, doing so means that hundreds of oak tree seedlings won’t have to be pulled out in the spring. Be particularly vigilant in areas next to the house, fences and sidewalks. It’s

much easier to rake than to weed. (HINT: Use a snow shovel to get acorns from the piles into yard waste bags.)

Keep an eye on gutters. Gutters are meant to direct water away from the house, but they only work if they are clear of debris. Gutters (and downspouts) on houses beneath oak trees may already be clogged with acorns. To prevent water from cascading down the sides of the house and saturating the ground next to the foundation pay attention to gutters when it rains. If water overflows the gutter, or in extreme cases when the downspout is clogged, spouts up like a fountain – it’s time to get out the ladders. For those fortunate enough to live in Greenbelt Homes, Inc., a quick call to maintenance will get gutters cleared.

As someone who lives in a house surrounded by oak trees, my personal experience is that gutters need extra attention in masting years. It’s a case of “a penny saved is a penny earned” because it’s much easier to clear out debris from a gutter than to fix water damage or a clogged storm drain.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 1, 2018

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

GHI Special Open Session – begins at 7.00 p.m.
Approve Motion to hold a GHI Executive Session Meeting on November 1, 2018

GDC Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session meeting adjourns
Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on October 4, 2018

GHI Executive Session – begins after the GDC Executive Session Meeting adjourns

1. Approve Minutes of Executive Session meeting held on October 4, 2018
2. Consider the terms and conditions of the following contracts in the negotiation stage:
 - Contract for Employee Medical Insurance Benefits - 1st reading
 - Contract for Dental Care Benefits for Employees - 1st reading
 - Contract for Employee Life Insurance and Disability Benefits – 1st reading
6. Member Financial Matters.
7. Member Complaint Matters.

GDC Open Session – begins at 7.45 p.m.

1. Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting held on October 4, 2018
2. Review Proposed 2019 GDC Operating Budget

GHI Open Session Meeting – begins after the GDC Open Session meeting adjourns

1. Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on October 4, 2018
2. Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on October 4, 2018
3. Hearing with Members of 4-A Plateau Place re: Removal of a Pine Tree
4. Finance Committee's Recommendation for Funding the Asbestos Remediation Project for Crawlspace of Frame Homes
5. Review Proposed 2019 GHI Operating Budget -1st reading
6. Approval of the Storm Water Management Task Force’s 2018-19 Work Plan
7. Exception Request for Proposed New Openings and Roof Pitch of Addition at 14-W Laurel Hill Rd
8. Proposed Charter for the Long-range Planning Committee



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Thank a Teacher ads cost \$1.50 for the first 10 words and five cents for each additional word.

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Jason Martin prepares the trash bags for the weigh-in.

employees from the Mom’s Organic Market (MOM) location in Jessup. The group picked up everything from beer and liquor bottles to snack wrappers and dirty plastic bags.

Martin said the trail is notorious for trash and because it is adjacent to a braided stream system, litter can make its way from Indian Creek to the Potomac River and finally the Chesapeake Bay.

“You’re getting a lot of bang for your buck because there’s plenty of trash to pick up,” Martin said. “If we can get them before they head on out, it’s a prime opportunity to keep floatable litter out of the Bay.”

Martin noted that Public Works employs a team responsible for picking up litter at various Greenbelt parks and trails during weekdays but added that group volunteer events like these can make a big difference as well. He said that two or three people could easily get 100 pounds of trash off the trail, and he ended up being right that day. The 102.6 total pounds of trash removed included 28 pounds of recyclable materials.

“The public responsiveness is always positive because it’s very tangible,” Martin said. “You go to a place, you see a bunch of trash, you pick it up and you see that it’s clean now. It makes sense, it’s easy, it’s immediate. It’s instant gratification, if you will.

And it’s important too, because that trash is otherwise going to make its way to the ocean.”

Linda Cepek, one of the MOM employees who attended the cleanup, came from Baltimore to help.

“I just hate the idea of trashing our planet,” she said. “I have to do something about it.”

Anthony Corcoran, a College Park resident who works with Cepek, said that he tries to sign up for a lot of cleanups in the area.

“When you do it enough, it’s just like, ‘gosh, why does this happen?’” he said. “[People] don’t think about how it adds up unless they clean it up themselves. The common person is just throwing trash out of the window on the highway, but it’s all going to our water system.”

When asked what he enjoys about organizing these cleanup events, Martin said that he likes seeing other people learn things that are second nature to him as an environmental professional.

“You see the light bulb go [on] in some people – even older people, not just young high school kids,” he said. “I really get a kick out of that because, you know, they start making those connections and the more people that make those connections, hopefully they’ll start thinking about that in their actions day to day.”

PHOTO BY ELLIOTT DAVIS

Sons of the Legion Beef Chefs Win with Creative Culinary Skill

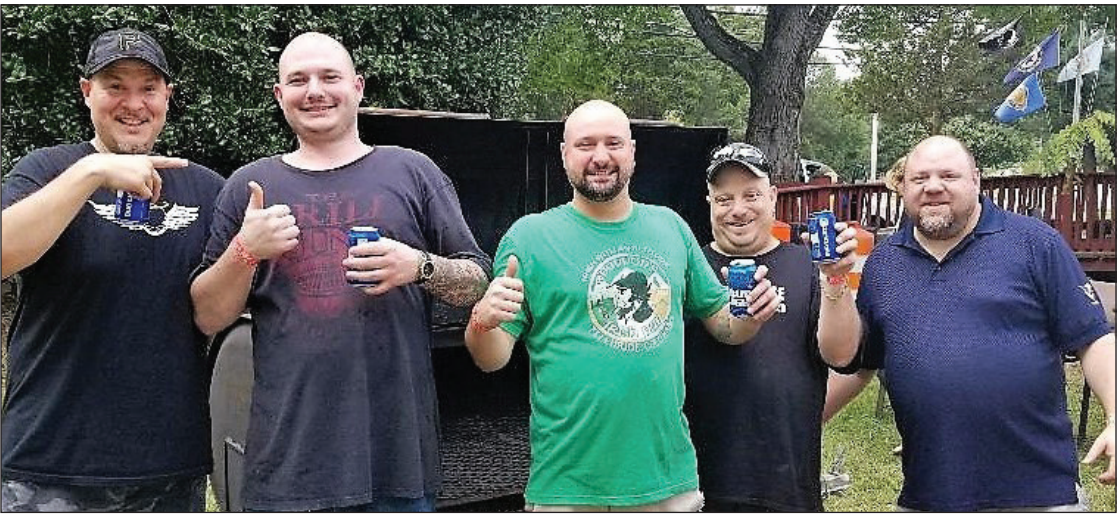


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SAL team members celebrate their win. From left, Mark Kuhn, Joe Malette, Joe McDermott (team captain), Bernard Grunwald and Dan Smith.

Greenbelter Joe McDermott led his team of Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 136 fellow beef chefs to a championship-winning effort at the annual SAL pit-beef cook-off held October 6. The event this year challenged SAL participants from Bowie Post 66, Lanham Post 172 and Greenbelt Post 136

to display their culinary creativity working with beef on the barbecue grills.

SAL Squadron 136 Commander Jerry Darnell said, “Although it is fun to see the community participants enjoying the food and music as the units vie for the winning honors, the event

is not only about cooking beef. The event is a fundraiser for our unit’s support of veterans and community activities. We used last year’s event to support American Legion Department of Maryland Boy Scout initiatives. This year we will support the department’s scholarship programs.”



PHOTO BY MARC MANHEIMER

Annie Haber takes a break from reading the News Review for a photo opportunity in Panama City, Panama.

Library CEO Candidate Forum
The Board of Library Trustees of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) will host a CEO Candidate Public Forum at the Bowie Branch from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 1. Meet the leading candidates for chief executive officer of the system. Listen to their presentations to learn about their background and qualifications. Ask questions and impact the future direction of the Prince George’s County libraries.



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More Community Events

Read A Book Along with Other Marylanders



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Greenbelt Book Discussion members hold the book Bloodsworth that they will discuss on Tuesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library.

The Maryland Humanities Council created One Maryland One Book (OMOB) to bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book. This year’s gripping read is Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA Evidence, by Tim Junkin. The book encapsulates a historical criminal justice milestone, which took place in Maryland, that would eventually lead to the exoneration of hundreds of others wrongfully accused of heinous, violent crimes. Kirk Bloodsworth learned of a new technology, DNA fingerprinting, and realized it was his last chance to prove his innocence in this harrowing true crime account that will have readers flipping pages as if it were fiction. Copies are available

in the county library system. For more information visit mdhumanities.org/programs/one-maryland-one-book. The Greenbelt Book Discussion group meets in the Greenbelt Library the third Tuesday of the month (except December) at 7 p.m. in the lower level conference room, across from the elevator. The group will discuss Bloodsworth on Tuesday, November 20. All are welcome. For more information contact gbeltbookdiscussion@gmail.com.

Felt Crafts Featured At Next Art Drop-In

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to attend a Community Art Drop-in on Sunday, November 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free and reservations are not required. The event takes place at the Community Center.

Make felt decorations for the home or a pin to wear with Artist-in-residence Celestine Ranney-Howes. Projects can be as simple or complex as you make them.

While visiting, see the new art gallery exhibit, The View Within and Without: Painting and Collage by Sylvie van Helden. The show features selections from two series. Van Helden’s Hashtag Manadala paintings each bring together 12 Instagram users’ images, culled through exhaustive hashtag searches of words with spiritual connotations. The Legend of the Koi is based on an ancient Chinese tale about perseverance that guided a personal journey through grief.



PHOTO BY CELESTINE RANNEY-HOWES

A felt bird is one of the possibilities for Sunday's Arts Drop-in.

At the Library

Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Monday, October 29, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Volunteer and work together to make the library a better place for teens by talking about books, music, movies and suggesting what you would like to see in the collection. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. Applicable participants may earn PGCPs Service Learning hours. TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, October 30, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly on Tuesday evenings.

Ready 2 Read Weekly Storytimes. Tuesday, October 30, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, October 31, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, November 1, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 30 people.

African History & Culture Lecture Series. Tuesday, October 30, 7 p.m. African Genesis: The Dawn of Humanity and the Origins of Race will be the next session in this audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented on Tuesday evenings through November 13.

Kids Achieve Club. Wednesday, October 31, 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6. This club meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons.

STEM for Families: Electric Vehicle Lab! Saturday, November 3, 2 p.m. Join Futuremakers to engineer electric moving machines that roll using a motor, battery, cool craft materials – and build essential circuit-making skills.

Look at Transportation Pollution Issues, Nov. 7

Learn about the ways the current transportation system affects the climate, environment and quality of life, and how you can plug into actions to help transform it into a modern, equitable system for the 21st century. In this discussion, the Sierra Club’s Lindsey Mendelson will outline plans to adopt a cross-state policy to limit transportation pollution and invest in clean alternatives. She will also highlight the latest developments of the governor’s plans to expand the Beltway and I-270.

The program will be held on Wednesday, November 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114.

Mendelson is the Maryland Sierra Club staffer on the Transportation for All Campaign based in College Park. Her work focuses on limiting pollution from motor fuel sources and shifting state investments to clean transportation, including bus, rail, walking and biking infrastructure, and electric vehicles to protect our air and climate and create accessible and equitable options for travel. Prior to joining the Sierra Club, Lindsey worked as the Global Warming Advocate with Environment America, where she built public support to strengthen and expand a regional climate program led by Maryland and other Eastern states to tackle carbon pollution from dirty power plants. She holds a degree in environmental sustainability from the University of Illinois.

As always, we will use the last portion of the evening for announcements and updates on local and national issues we are following.

For more info, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org, 301-345-2234.



The Toxic Avenger Is a Musical Comedy

Based on Lloyd Kaufman’s movie The Toxic Avenger, directed by Jeffery Lesniak and choreographed by Heather Harris, this comical musical will be the next Greenbelt Arts Center production, with shows Friday and Saturday evenings, November 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees on November 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

Melvin Ferd the Third wants to clean up Tromaville, the most polluted town in New Jersey (just off Turnpike Exit 13B). Foiled by the mayor’s bullies, Melvin is dumped into a vat of radioactive toxic waste, only to reemerge as The Toxic Avenger, New Jersey’s first superhero. Affectionately known as Toxie, the new hero is a mutant freak with superhuman strength and a heart as big as Newark. He’s out to save New Jersey, end global warming and woo the blind librarian in town. It’s a toxic love story with an environmental twist. The Toxic Avenger will leave audiences laughing in the aisles as it rocks the house. Featuring a wailin’ rock score, this comical musical has something for everyone to enjoy.

Buy tickets online at Greenbeltartscenter.org.



Arts Advisory Board Meets November 13

The Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in Room 112 of the Community Center. The board usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month, but will not meet November 6 because of the election.

Topics of discussion will include a referral from the city council regarding partnering with local artists to design light pole banners. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison: ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

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teacher in Houston makes you uniquely qualified to understand and mitigate the issues students and parents face in our system.”

Thomas said the majority of the board is out of touch with constituents and that, as a former teacher and Roosevelt alumnus, he knows firsthand what teachers and students need. “I think we should be thinking less about my age and more about what my work experience has been that has led me to this point,” he said in a phone interview. “Don’t you think we need more teachers making decisions to affect our schools?”

Thomas graduated from Howard University in 2014, then taught eighth-grade science in Houston for two years through Teach For America (TFA). He now works for TFA as a recruiter at historically black colleges and universities.

Grady, the incumbent, was elected to the board in 2014. She is the president and CEO of the Latin American Youth Center, a non-governmental organization with sites in Washington, D.C., and Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties. Grady, 45, has worked for 21 years at the organization, which offers programming and services in academics, art, job readiness, housing and health. Grady said that while it’s good to have teachers on the board, her experience is also valuable.

“I have 21 years in management, oversight of a \$60 million budget, oversight of about 200 staff,” she said. “There are a lot of challenges in the school system, and they’re not all focused on instruction – which is a big one, and one that we have to support – but there’s a lot of other pieces we have to look at.”

The two candidates largely agreed that classes are too big. In her opening statement, Grady said she was responsive to input from constituents and supported a plan to build seven schools in five years in the district through a public/private partnership. She said she hopes to win the board more borrowing power so that they can build faster. She said new teachers might be hired, but many would be moved to these new schools. “We don’t have that space that other places have,” Grady said in a phone interview. “Some of our schools use every nook.”

Thomas agreed, although he said he would prioritize increases to teacher pay and class supply budgets over new construction. “There’s no doubt that our district needs some new schools,” he said. “I think it’s an ambitious goal. I’m in agreement with new school construction.”

He said class sizes would be smaller if the county retained

more teachers, and that the retention rate would improve if teachers were paid more. He said teachers in Prince George’s County often leave for higher salaries in Washington, D.C., and Montgomery or Howard Counties.

“Our school system is becoming a training ground for really great teachers,” he said. He suggested tying the public schools CEO’s pay to improvements in the student-to-teacher ratio, and said his aim is to have classrooms no bigger than 25 students.

He accused the board of prioritizing the salaries of school executives and administrators over those of teachers. “Right now what I see is a lot of cronyism,” he said.

Grady said teacher pay would likely increase once the state legislature acts on the Kirwan Commission’s recommendations. She said, “This notion that the board does not prioritize increasing teacher funding is inaccurate.”

Thomas accused Grady of being a reliable establishment vote on a board that doesn’t respond to feedback from constituents and doesn’t prioritize student learning. He characterized board members as not being independent thinkers.

“I have yet to see her voting against that majority on things that really matter,” Thomas said.

Grady said that where Thomas sees apathy, she sees limited resources. “There’s a lot of assumptions from Mr. Thomas that you don’t challenge just because you’re not in front of the media or that you’re not being disrespectful,” she said on the phone. “I challenge many different times.”

Grady said that she would like to implement programs including universal pre-kindergarten, “but the question becomes ‘what’s the price tag?’ ”

She said that during a principal selection process, she responded to criticism from constituents. “That was feedback that was given to me in regards to things not being collaborative and not taking the teachers in mind or the parents in mind,” she said. “I build my cases so that when I’m looking to unpack an issue it’s done in a systemic way; it’s not just per school.”

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education hosted the debate. The winner of the November 6 election will represent District 2 on the county Board of Education. This district includes Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton.

Grady has been endorsed by the Washington Post; Thomas has been endorsed by the Prince George’s County Education Association.



Happy 100th Birthday



Mary Babbitt, Greenbelt resident, celebrated her 100th Birthday on Sunday, October 21, with her Thursday bridge players. Mary is in the middle with the card.

PHOTO BY RUTH CAMPBELL

Greenbelt Lawyer Honored For Pro Bono Legal Aid Work

On October 23, the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs (WLC) recognized Stan Zirkin for his extensive and outstanding service as a volunteer legal advisor to low income workers on labor and employment issues. The award was presented to him at the Bradenton Awards Dinner held at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C.

Zirkin started his pro bono law practice in January 2013, shortly after retiring from a 43-year career as a trial lawyer and branch chief for the National Labor Relations Board, an independent federal agency. His first volunteer service was for the Employment Justice Center (EJC), a non-profit organization that ran a free law clinic out of the Bread for the City facility in the Shaw neighborhood in D.C. In July 2014 he was named Advising Attorney of the Year by EJC. Following EJC’s merger with WLC, Zirkin continued his volunteer work, and to date has advised at nearly 300 free clinics. He has been on the D.C. Bar’s Pro Bono Honor Roll for the past three years.

Zirkin also is a copy editor and reporter for the News Review, serves on the Greenbelt City Council’s Public Safety Advisory Committee and the supervisory committee for the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, and is treasurer of the Greenbelt Tennis Association.



Stan Zirkin poses with his award.

PHOTO BY RACHEL DUDA

Bird Walk

On Wednesday, October 31 from 8 to 10 a.m., the Patuxent Research Refuge will have a bird walk for ages 16 and older. Search for fall migrants in various refuge habitats on this guided hike, starting at the Visitor Center. Public programs at the refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.



Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance Celebrate Co-op Month 2018 in Greenbelt

During the month of October GCA will have a banner strung across certain roads; a Display in the Greenbelt Library, lower floor; Co-op Trivia slides on the screen of the Old Greenbelt Theatre; articles and event calendar in this paper.

- Friday October 26**
4-7 pm Artisans and Vines Wine Tasting, GCS&P
- Saturday October 27**
9am- noon (or until truck is full) Community Shredding behind the Credit Union, GFCU
- Sunday October 28**
10 am-2 pm Greenbelt Farmers Market Booth, GCA
- Monday October 29**
7 pm GHI Pre-Purchase Orientation
- Wednesday October 31**
9 am-9 pm Patron Appreciation Day, GCS&P

Abbreviations: (GCA) Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance; (NCBA) National Cooperative Business Association; (GNS) Greenbelt Nursery School; (GNR) Greenbelt News Review; (GHI) Greenbelt Homes Inc.; (NDC) New Deal Café; (GCS&P) Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy; (GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union; (GMS) Greenbelt MakerSpace

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Theft

October 12, 6:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken at Giant.

False Identification

October 12, 8:30 p.m., Cherrywood Lane near Ivy Lane. An 18-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of a false government identification document after being stopped for an equipment violation. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

October 12, 7:30 p.m., 7700 block Jacobs Drive. A laptop computer, video game player, iPad, money and shoes were taken after a residence was entered, possibly by way of an unlocked kitchen window.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen from the 9300 block Edmonston Road, a 4-door gold 2004 Mercedes Benz C240 with Md. tags UYM8984.

A woman in the 8000 block Greenbury Drive looking at video footage from her surveillance camera at approximately 1:55 a.m. saw a person walking onto her driveway. He began looking into her vehicle and then placed a jacket over the surveillance camera. No entry was gained.

On October 11, two thefts and four attempted thefts from autos occurred in Greenbelt East. In the 7000 block Mathew Street, a man walking to his car saw someone rummaging through it, with a second man nearby watching. They fled on foot after taking an Echo Dot, tablet computer, clothing and shoes. Also on the same street, a rear passenger window was broken and the vehicle rummaged through.

One attempted theft occurred in the 7100 block Megan Street and two in the 8100 block Craddock Road, after windows were broken to gain access. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

In the 7500 block Mandan Road a locked vehicle was entered and personal identification papers and power tools were taken. Four tires and rims were taken from one vehicle in the 9300 block Edmonston Road. In the 7200 block Hanover Drive a trunk was opened and two laptop computers, purse, clothing and jewelry were taken.

A man in the 9200 block Springhill Lane received a speed camera ticket in the mail but his tag appeared to have been on another vehicle. When he went out to his car, he saw that his tags, Md. 4DL9070, were missing.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.
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Missing Person: Louis Kovadio Roger

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating missing person Louis Kovadio Roger. Roger, 19, who resides in the 7800 block of Vanity Fair Drive, has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and depression. He was last seen October 18 at Prince George's Community College at approximately 12:30 p.m. He is described as a black male, 5'7", 130 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair. He was last seen wearing a gray jacket, black pants and black shoes. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Holden at 240-542-2134 or by email at mholden@greenbeltmd.gov.

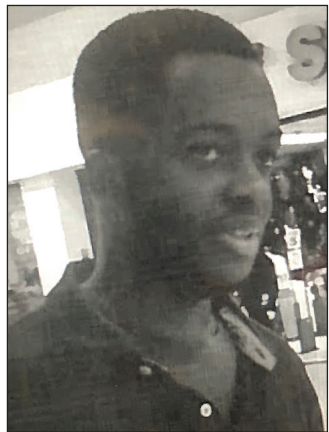


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Louis Roger

Missing Person: Shawn Lafaye Jackson

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating missing person Shawn Lafaye Jackson. Jackson, 52, who resides in Florida, has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and depression. She was last seen by family members October 17 at approximately 11:30 p.m. at the Residence Inn in Greenbelt. The last reported sighting of her was October 18 at approximately 8 a.m. in the 8300 block of Annapolis Road, New Carrollton. She is described as a black female, 5'7", 200 pounds. She is possibly wearing a blue scarf and black shoes. She has short hair, but sometimes wears a wig. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Penn at 301-814-0616 or by email at jpenn@greenbeltmd.gov.



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Shawn Lafaye Jackson



SRO Officer Charles Wooten Plays Many Roles at ERHS

by Matt Arbach

A school resource officer (SRO) wears many hats, according to George Mathews, Greenbelt police public information liaison. Both Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) have an SRO assigned. Beyond duties related to crime deterrence and school safety, which include the authority to arrest, SROs document incidents and answer service calls like any other police officer. The SRO also acts as a mentor and a counselor, addressing issues before they become criminal or unsafe. Ultimately though, Mathews said that the job is all about building connections and forging relationships between police and students and throughout the school as a whole.

Mathews compares a high population school like ERHS to a small town, with all the inevitable problems and trouble. Essential to the job is the ability to create rapport with the students and speak to people, skills acquired through years of prior experience as police officers, which most SROs are.

Officer Charles Wooten has been the SRO at ERHS since 2015. Prior to that, he worked as a police officer in Baltimore for two years. Becoming an SRO has been a lifelong aspiration. He has always been interested in community-minded police work and feels that his past experience has given him an ability to exercise patience and understanding with students. He has two years left in his posting, which lasts five years. He hopes to do one more before moving on.

Wooten's duties at ERHS are multi-faceted. Addressing traffic issues, especially in the morning, is a daily task. Dealing with, and more importantly preventing, fights is common, yet Wooten stressed that this is not a typical occurrence at ERHS. He said that the students are pretty good here. Oftentimes, students will come to him with a helpful tip regarding possible trouble.

Cyber-bullying has been a persistent issue at ERHS and students are essential in providing useful information about its presence. Wooten looks to forestall serious consequences before an arrest is necessary and hopefully talk sense and provide advice to de-escalate the situation.

Wooten has had to deal with gun threats in the past, some of them sent online. He felt that the era of school violence beginning with the Columbine shooting in 1999 has made the presence of an SRO very valuable.

Wooten works in tandem with



PHOTO BY ANTHONY MCMILLIAN

Charles Wooten poses outside his office at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

school security, especially the investigative counselor and the security sergeant. Wooten said that at times, duties can overlap and become tricky to differentiate. Yet essentially, school security deals with school policy violations and minor infractions, but Wooten is often called in when a situation becomes more intense or threatening. The security sergeant spends most of his time at ERHS, yet also spends time at GMS and Greenbelt Elementary School.

An SRO receives a training certification to prepare for this position, specifically from the Na-

tional Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). Since the 1980s, SROs have become facilitators in D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training).

Wooten said, "Relationships is the job." He has worked to build a foundation in a relaxed manner that is not authoritative. He looks to change the mindset, in both how the students and the public view the police and also how the students see their own lives and their interactions with others.



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Along Hanover Parkway, one tree grows a profusion of mushrooms, probably *ganoderma lucidum* or mushroom of immortality.

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Sports

ERHS Girls Soccer Team Earns Spot in County Championship

by Patrick Gleason



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The Roosevelt players on the right are co-captains Dallas Sava and Mykenna Maniece.

After an unexpected loss to Flowers High – the first county loss since 2012 – the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Raiders girls’ soccer team couldn’t afford another defeat if they wanted to defend their county championship and secure the number one seed for the upcoming playoffs. For much of the second half of last Thursday’s game against the Parkdale Panthers, defeat seemed probable. Even though Raider junior Corina Miko started the scoring early in the first half, Parkdale equalized soon after. Junior center back Louisa Ellison struck next for the Raiders with a beautifully placed free kick – her second in as many games. But as the Raiders headed

into the second half, Parkdale increased the pressure resulting in an early Panther penalty kick goal despite Roosevelt keeper Stephanie Ijomor’s best effort. Soon thereafter, Parkdale was awarded another free kick in the Raiders’ end; after a scrum in front of the goal, the ball again found the back of the net. As the Raiders missed several golden opportunities, the tension increased while the clock waned. Then junior defender Haley Zack asserted herself after coach Bob Sowers moved her up to mid-field. After forward Zosia Nicholson’s miss with 101 minutes remaining, Zack blasted the rebound in, leading to an explosion from the Raider bench. Parkdale

responded by controlling possession; senior defender Dursha Ragunathan cleared the ball on three successive plays until the Raiders were finally able to regain possession, leading to Zack streaking down the sideline and lifting a shot over the Parkdale keeper. After the ensuing kickoff, the referee blew his final whistle. The final score was Raiders 4, Panthers 3. The Roosevelt victory earned them a place in the county championship versus Oxon Hill on October 23. With a victory, the Raiders will then commence their state title quest on October 30 with a home matchup against either Wise or Suitland High.

City Notes

Recreation staff attended the city’s annual Advisory Board dinner. The Ivy family was presented with an award of a mother and child statue, in recognition of the late Kelly Ivy’s years of service. Aquatic & Fitness Center staff reports a total of 32 UM Shuttle Membership Passes were sold as of October 18. Therapeutic Recreation staff reports Scrabble continues to draw participants; over 15 participants play regularly. Street maintenance/special details crews spread blacktop on the Schrom Hills Park bridge, painted yellow and white lines and made base repairs on Cherrywood Lane, put down a thermoplastic STOP on Cherrywood Lane by the Mini-Mart and assisted the horticulture crew by using the backhoe to make a swale in a portion of the rain garden at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Refuse/recycling/sustainability/environmental crew collected 33.50 tons of refuse and 12.93 tons of recycling material. CARES The ESOL program fall session has begun at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, meeting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participants learn conversational English, reading, pronunciation, writing and spelling skills. An international class, the 14 students come from Cameroon, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Iran, Iraq, Mexico and Panama.

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Annual Schrom Hills Fall Fest: Pumpkins, Hay Rides, Fun

by Jamal Williams

On Saturday, October 20, the annual Fall Fest took place in Schrom Hills Park. Greenbelt Recreation joined forces with the public works, police and fire departments to celebrate with friends, family and neighbors of the community.

The history of this event goes back over a decade. Andrew Phelan, who has organized Fall Fest for the last 10 years, says it is as big as it has ever been. “As a department, we try to do community events throughout the different sections of Greenbelt. The fall festival is one we do for Greenbelt East,” said Phelan. “We get a big draw from neighboring communities like Lanham and New Carrollton.”

The Greenbelt Police Department lent a hand at the festival by setting up various events such as Trunk or Treat. Police vehicles were festooned with Halloween decorations and of-

ficers handed out candy to the children. Greenbelt Chief of Police Richard Bowers emphasized the importance of this event. “All our officers participate in community outreach in an effort to reach all of the members of our community in non-traditional police functions,” says Bowers. They also introduced the Kid Care ID, which is a way for parents to give law enforcement officials quick information about their children in the event the children go missing. “It’s a good opportunity for the kids to have fun in a safe environment,” said Public Information Liaison George Mathews.

Another form of education provided at the Fall Fest was by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. As October is Fire Prevention Month, Assistant Chief Greg Gigliotti stressed the importance of fire safety. “We reach out and tell the public to change

the batteries in their smoke detectors, educate the children on fire prevention and make sure they have a family plan to escape,” Gigliotti explained. It was also a chance for the public to see some of the fire equipment such as Greenbelt’s original 1939 fire truck, which is used for parades, funerals and recruiting volunteers. Many children were able to learn about and sit on the truck. “It’s a good opportunity to answer any questions and a lot of times we’re hoping some youth that we run into may consider volunteering,” said Gigliotti.

The festival is a great way to bring people together to celebrate their town to the fullest. Mayor Emmett Jordan stressed its importance to Greenbelt. “It’s one of the events that marks the changing of the seasons. To see this festival with great attendance as the direction that Greenbelt is going in is a really nice thing to see,” Jordan said.

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second time to the Fall Fest. “The girls had a blast,” Ulrich said. “They love the hay rides and picking the pumpkins. It’s something that really sort of gets you in the fall spirit,” he added.

“I just love that it’s local and it’s free, for the most part,” said Whyvette Bonhom, who’s been coming to the Fall Fest with her sons since 2014. “There’s so much to do for the children. My boys have always loved it,” she said.

Event-goers also visited information booths to learn about community groups and projects, including the eco-friendly initiatives. At the City of Greenbelt’s recycling booth, Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles described the importance of outreach and making sure people understand what they can recycle. Household and everyday items were on display for people to learn the right recycling options. Adults and children could take home educational flyers about how to properly recycle.

Music by the MHC band filled the air, with classic rock sounds and hints of reggae and blues. “We’re two local musicians,” said Jake Skaggs, one of the festival band members along with Matthew Baron. On performing at a venue like Fall Fest, Skaggs added, “the band jumps at the opportunity to play in front of such a great group of people.”

The trunk-or-treat cars, sponsored by several city departments, were the newest addition to the Fall Fest this year. Seasoned event coordinator Andrew Phelan called festival preparations a well-oiled machine.

“The crowd fluctuates throughout the event,” Phelan said. But on a beautiful day such as Saturday, Phelan estimates upwards of 500 attendees enjoyed the day’s festivities.



Multiple generations enjoy carving pumpkins at the Fall Fest on October 20.

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Luisa Robles (behind the table) explains the Greenbelt recycling program to Mariam McCalla with her granddaughter Noelle.

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Lukas and Ara Greene take turns playing a beanbag game.



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Community members enjoy hayrides around Schrom Hills Park.

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